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Application to
Reissue Patent No. : 5,926,116

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Title : **INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPARATUS
AND METHOD**

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DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

2. I verily believe myself to be the original and first inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,926,116 for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention and in the specification filed herewith. Also, by being the named inventor on the reissue application and the original application, and by my education, training and experience, I am qualified to render opinions concerning the subject matter of the reissue application.

3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aforementioned specification, including the claims.

4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 from Japanese application number 07-334445, filed December 22, 1995, and state that no

other application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application was filed by me on the same subject matter prior to December 22, 1995. A certified copy of this priority application was filed in U.S. Patent No. 5,926,116.

6. I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof.

7. I verily believe the original Letters Patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of my claiming more or less than I had right to claim in the patent by at least failing to claim the subject matter, namely, by failing to claim:

An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a database which contains registration data including at least position data and designation information for retrieval of additional information, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus; and

selection means for selecting data from said database which corresponds to said detected current position location of said information retrieval apparatus, said selected data having position data representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location, said designation information corresponding to said selected data for retrieving said additional information.

8. I did not discover that the claims of the original patent claimed more or less than I had a right to claim until after the original patent was issued.

9. No claim was previously presented during prosecution of the above referenced patent that particularly claimed the method or apparatus described in paragraph 7 above.

10. The error noted above, as well as any other errors to be corrected herein arose without any deceptive intention on my part.

11. New claim 6 submitted with this application particularly points out the subject matter which I considered my invention and round out the scope of protection to which I am entitled. By the omission of such claim the original patent claims less than I had a right to claim.

I hereby appoint William S. Frommer, Registration No. 25,506, of Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP or his duly appointed associate, my attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuation and divisional applications thereof, to receive the Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection therewith, and specify that all communications about the application are to be directed to the following address:

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Wherefore I pray that I may be allowed to surrender the Letters Patent No. 5,926,116, granted July 20, 1999, whereof Sony Corporation, on whose behalf and with whose assent this application is made, is the sole owner, by Assignment, and that Letters Patent may be reissued to Sony Corporation for the same invention upon the attached specification.

I, the undersigned applicant, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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